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It is earnestly desired that contributions be taken up in the several churches in this city, for the Cambridge Dispensary, on Sunday, the 19th of December, or as soon thereafter as may be found convenient.

The medical officers of the Dispensary are five District Physicians, each of whom receives a small salary, and eight Attending Physicians at the Central Office, whose services are rendered gratuitously.

From the beginning of the year to the first of October, the District Physicians attended 594 cases, made 2167 visits, and issued 1742 prescriptions. During the same period 682 cases were treated at the Central Office: 1835 office-calls were met with appropriate advice and remedies, and 1969 prescriptions were issued by the Attending Physicians.

During this period the entire cost of administration for the Dispensary was $1328.71, of which $1101.23 came into the treasury from contributions in the several churches.

The expenses for the ensuing year are estimated at not less than two thousand dollars, the whole of which, it is hoped will be contributed by the churches, as this is preëminently a Christian charity. It cannot escape observation that, at the ordinary and legitimate charge for their services, the contribution made by the physicians alone will considerably exceed the entire sum solicited from the benevolent public.

The sums collected in the churches and donations by individuals may be sent to Deacon Joseph A. Holmes, Treasurer, 55 Magazine Street and 606 Main Street.

W. L. WHITNEY, *President.*
A. P. PEABODY,
SUMNER ALBEE,
HIRAM LEONARD, } *Directors.*
EDWARD KENDALL,
H. C. RAND,
J. L. HILDRETH, *Secretary.*

# CAMBRIDGE DISPENSARY.

## 1876.

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### President.

WILLIAM L. WHITNEY.

### Corporation.

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| WILLIAM L. WHITNEY, Esq. | 126 Mt. Auburn St. |
| Rev. A. P. PEABODY | 11 Quincy St. |
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| JAMES C. FISK, Esq. | 32 Quincy St. |
| SAMUEL BATCHELDER, JR., Esq. | 8 Hilliard St. |
| Rev. ALEXANDER MCKENZIE | 12 Garden St. |
| SUMNER ALBEE, Esq. | 30 Essex St. |
| Rev. THOMAS SCULLY | Norfolk St. |
| JAMES A. WOOLSON, Esq. | 277 Harvard St. |
| Hon. ROBERT O. FULLER | Prospect St. |
| HENRY N. TILTON, Esq. | 33 Prospect St. |
| WALTER S. BLANCHARD, Esq. | 17 Maple Avenue. |
| HIRAM LEONARD, Esq. | 139 Otis St. |
| J. B. TAYLOR, M. D. | 49 Third St. |
| GEORGE H. HOWARD, Esq. | 38 Fifth St. |
| Rev. JOHN O'BRIEN | 83 Otis St. |
| OLIVER H. DURRELL, Esq. | 73 Thorndike St. |
| JONAS WOODARD, Esq. | 5 Sixth St. |
| EDWARD KENDALL, Esq. | 139 Magazine St. |
| JOSEPH A. HOLMES, Esq. | 55 Magazine St. |
| LUCIUS R. PAIGE, Esq. | 112 Washington St. |
| Hon. H. O. HOUGHTON | 800 Main St. |
| A. P. MORSE, Esq. | 81 Magazine St. |
| H. O. MARCY, M. D. | 690 Main St. |
| H. C. RAND, Esq. | Elm St. |
| E. H. STEVENS, M. D. | 162 North Avenue. |
| FRANK FOXCROFT, Esq. | Avon Hill. |
| WARREN SANGER, Esq. | Arlington St. |
| S. S. SLEEPER, Esq. | 126 North Avenue. |
| J. C. WELLINGTON, Esq. | 121 North Avenue. |

### Directors.

WILLIAM L. WHITNEY, *Chairman.*

Ward 1. A. P. PEABODY. Ward 3. HIRAM LEONARD.
" 2. SUMNER ALBEE. " 4. EDWARD KENDALL.
Ward 5. H. C. RAND.

### Treasurer.

JOSEPH A. HOLMES.

### Clerk.

J. L. HILDRETH,
*Clerk, Corporation and Directors.*

## Physicians attending at Central Office.

| | |
|---|---|
| S. W. Driver, M. D. | Farwell Place. |
| D. M. Edgerley, M. D. | 84 Green St. |
| A. P. Clark, M. D. | 693 Main St. |
| J. M. Kenniston, M. D. | 6 Essex St. |
| J. B. Taylor, M. D. | Third, cor. Otis St. |
| A. L. Norris, M. D. | 152 Cambridge St. |
| A. F. Holt, M. D. | 98 Austin St. |
| E. H. Stevens, M. D. | 162 North Avenue. |

## District Physicians.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dist. 1. | Chas. E. Vaughan, M. D. | 8 Garden St. |
| " 2. | Horace Berry, M. D. | 15 Elm St. |
| " 3. | George A. Coburn, M. D. | 16 Sixth St. |
| " 4. | J. A. Dow, M. D | 23 Magazine St. |
| " 5. | Almon De Bois Gay, M. D. | 195 North Ave. |

## Physician in Charge at Central Office.

D. M. Edgerley, M. D. . . . . 84 Green St.

## Apothecaries.

| | | |
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| Ward 1. | W. A. Stone | Brattle Square, Old Cambridge. |
| " 2. | A. R. Bayley & Co | 607 Main St., Cambridgeport. |
| " 2. | O. H. Webber | 591 Main St., Cambridgeport. |
| " 2. | W. H. Weston | 152 Harvard St., Cambridgeport. |
| " 3. | Charles E. Stevens | 153 Bridge St., E. Cambridge. |
| " 5. | J. C. Sylvia | 214 North Ave., N. Cambridge. |

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Central Office . . . . . Cor. Western Ave. and Green St.

Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 to 11 A. M.

# CHARTER.

[No. 372.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it known that, whereas William L. Whitney, Joseph A. Holmes, Sumner Albee, H. Leonard, A. P. Peabody, J. A. Woolson, Robert O. Fuller, Thomas Scully, Henry C. Rand, and Edward Kendall, have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of the Cambridge Dispensary, for the purpose of providing, maintaining, and establishing a free dispensary, and medical and surgical aid, and proper care and supplies, for the sick, diseased, or disabled poor, with a capital of an amount not established nor divided into shares; and have complied with the provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the President, Treasurer, and Directors of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations, and recorded in this office:

Now, therefore, I, Oliver Warner, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that said William L. Whitney, Joseph A. Holmes, Sumner Albee, H. Leonard, A. P. Peabody, J. A. Woolson, Robert O. Fuller, Thomas Scully, Henry C. Rand, and Edward Kendall, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as, and are hereby made an existing corporation under the name of, the Cambridge Dispensary; with the powers, rights,

and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties, and restrictions, which by law appertain thereto.

Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed, this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

[L. S.] OLIVER WARNER,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

# OFFICERS

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1874–75.

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| Joseph A. Holmes, Esq., *Treasurer* . . . . | 55 Magazine St. |
| H. C. Rand, Esq. . . . . | Elm St. |

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" 2. Sumner Albee. " 4. Edward Kendall.
Ward 5. H. C. Rand.

## Visiting Committee.

Wm. L. Whitney. James A. Woolson.
Thomas Scully. Robert O. Fuller.
Joseph A. Holmes.

## Auditors.

Wm. L. Whitney, *President.* J. L. Hildreth, *Clerk.*

## Clerk of Corporation and Directors.

J. L. Hildreth, M.D. . . . . 37 Brattle St.

## Physicians attending at Central Office.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. L. Hildreth, M.D. | 37 Brattle St |
| A. P. Clark, M.D. | 693 Main St. |
| E. R. Cogswell, M.D. | 330 Broadway. |
| J. B. Taylor, M.D. | Third, cor. Otis St. |
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# BY-LAWS.

## Article 1.

The annual meeting of the Cambridge Dispensary shall be held on the first Wednesday of October, at such hour and place as the Directors may determine; and special meetings may be called at any time, by order of the President and Clerk, or by request of any two members of the corporation, made in writing to the Clerk, — all of which meetings shall be notified by the Clerk by a written notice in hand, or sent through the post-office, to each member, at least three days before the time of each meeting.

## Article 2.

The officers shall consist of a President, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Board of five Directors, one residing in each ward of the city; all of whom shall be elected by ballot, at the annual meeting of the corporation.

## Article 3.

The President shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the corporation. He shall, also, be chairman of the Board of Directors.

### Article 4.

The Clerk shall duly notify all meetings of the corporation and of the Directors, and keep a full record of the same.

### Article 5.

The Treasurer shall receive and have the custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the Dispensary, which he shall keep and control, under the direction of the Directors; paying out such sums of money as the Directors may order, for the salaries of the district physicians and the current expenses of the Dispensary. He shall also make up his account to the last day of September in each year, and shall exhibit the same to the corporation at their annual meeting. He shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, if required by the Directors, in such sum and form, and with such surety or sureties, as they shall approve.

### Article 6.

The Directors shall meet for organization within one week after their election. They shall also meet quarterly, on the second Thursday of January, April, July, and October. Special meetings may be held at any time, on the requisition of the chairman, or of any two of the Directors.

### Article 7.

Three of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If any vacancy occurs in

their number, they shall at once fill the vacancy by ballot.

### Article 8.

It shall be the duty of the Directors to manage and regulate all the affairs of the Dispensary, and report annually of their doings to the corporation.

### Article 9.

The visiting Committee shall consist of all the members of the corporation not members of the Board of Directors, who shall visit the Dispensary at least once a month, in the order designated by the Directors, and the term of office of each shall be two months.

### Article 10.

Whenever so inclined, the visiting Committee may visit the in-door patients of the Dispensary, with or without the district physician.

### Article 11.

There shall be appointed by the corporation, at their annual meeting, thirteen physicians to the Dispensary: eight as attending physicians to a central office, and five as district physicians. One of said physicians shall be appointed to take charge of the central office; shall see that the office and rooms are kept in good order, that the books are carefully and regularly kept; and shall keep an inventory of all surgical instruments which may be intrusted to his care, and shall be accountable for the same. He shall, with the consent of the Directors, incur such current expenses as the good of the institu-

tion shall require, and report to the Directors, at their quarterly meetings, the amount and objects of the outlay.

### Article 12.

Any one of the attending or district physicians may be removed at any time by the Directors, for what is deemed by them sufficient cause; and they shall at once call a special meeting of the corporation, and report the same to them, who shall have power to take such action as they may see fit.

### Article 13.

It shall be the duty of the attending physicians to attend at the office of the Dispensary, at such times as shall be designated by the Directors, and to prescribe for all patients during their respective hours.

### Article 14.

A general register shall be kept at the office of the Dispensary, in which it shall be the duty of the physician to enter, in separate columns ruled for the purpose, the name, age, residence, place of birth, disease, the medicine given, and attending physician of each patient.

### Article 15.

When any important operation is to be performed upon a patient of the Dispensary, one or more consulting surgeons shall be called in consultation; and no such operation shall be performed on any patient by a physician or surgeon of the Dispensary, unless with the advice and consent of the consulting surgeon.

### Article 16.

Each of the districts shall be placed under the charge of one of the district physicians, and patients unable to attend at the office of the Dispensary shall be regularly visited at their respective homes, as often as their cases shall require, by the physician in whose district they reside.

### Article 17.

A register for district patients, similar to that of outdoor patients, shall be kept by the district physicians, and a quarterly report thereof shall be made to the Directors.

### Article 18.

Each physician must reside within the district he has in charge, unless with the permission of the Directors to the contrary, and shall promptly notify them in case of a change of residence.

### Article 19.

The district physician shall have the privilege of visiting the office of the Dispensary at all times, and shall, at the request of the physician in charge of the central office, attend and perform service, whenever such service is required by the number of patients or by the absence of the attending physician.

### Article 20.

It shall be the duty of the physicians to give particularly plain directions for using such medicines as they

may prescribe. And, as far as practicable, they are requested to use the formulas contained in the list of prescriptions which have been prepared for the use of the Dispensary.

### Article 21.

Should indisposition or other cause prevent a physician from attending to his duties, he shall immediately report the same to the physician in charge of the central office, who shall appoint, temporarily, some physician to take charge of the vacant district, and report the same to the Directors at their next meeting.

### Article 22.

In case of emergency, where the physician in whose district such case may occur cannot be found, it shall be the duty of any physician of the Dispensary, who may be first met with, to attend the patient for whom succor is sought.

### Article 23.

The salaries of the district physicians shall be determined from time to time by the Directors.

### Article 24.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any legal meeting of the corporation: provided that, in the notice calling such meeting, it shall have been stated that an alteration or amendment is to be proposed; and not otherwise.

### Article 25.

The office of the Dispensary shall be kept open during such hours and upon such days as may be designated by the Directors.

### Article 26.

No persons, but such as are necessitous, shall be deemed objects of this charity. All such shall be attended to by the physician of the Dispensary, who shall in no case receive compensation from Dispensary patients for services rendered. If any question arises as to the necessitous condition of the patient, it shall at once be referred to and decided by the Director residing in the same district with the patient.

### Article 27.

No smoking or tobacco shall be allowed in any of the rooms belonging to the Dispensary.

### Article 28.

The President and Clerk shall act as auditors, and audit the Treasurer's accounts.

## AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

# CAMBRIDGE DISPENSARY.

In the second line of Article 1 of the printed copy of the By-Laws, the "first Wednesday of October" to read the *third Thursday of October.*

The first four lines of Article 11 to be changed so as to read: There shall be appointed by the Directors, in the month of November, thirteen physicians to the Dispensary, eight as attending physicians to a central office, and five as district physicians; and these physicians shall commence their term of service the first of January following, and hold their appointment for one year, unless sooner removed as herein provided.

In Article 12, omitting all after the first three lines, and substituting, *fill the vacancy thus caused.*

Article 29. The corporation shall be limited to thirty members, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum. All vacancies shall be filled by the corporation.

*Adopted by vote of the Corporation, Oct.* 19, 1875.